

Comptroller, if in his discretion, the interest of the State requires, is hereby empowered to direct a suit to be instituted upon the bond of such defaulting officer, and in no case shall he fail to institute suit on the bond of every collector of the taxes who shall hereafter be in default or arrear for more than one year. CHAP. 57.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the Comptroller, be and he is hereby authorised to employ a clerk, whose compensation shall be one thousand dollars per annum. Authorised to employ a clerk.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the Comptroller, shall keep his office in the treasury building in the city of Annapolis, until other suitable accommodations in said city are by law provided for the purpose. Office—where to be kept.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from its passage. In force.

CHAPTER 57.

*AN ACT to protect the Growth of Oysters in Worcester County.* Passed March 22, 1852.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no person or persons, under any pretext whatever, shall rake or take away any shells from any of the rocks or flats whereon oysters grow, within the limits of Worcester county, and any person or persons convicted of violating this act, before a single justice of the peace for said county, shall forfeit their boat or vessel, and pay a fine of not less than one dollar, nor more than twenty dollars, with cost for such offence. Fine imposed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That justices of the peace for said county, are hereby required, on information of such violation of this act, to issue a writ or citation, directing the same to any constable or sheriff of said county, to summon and take in custody all such persons, and have them before some justice of the peace, to answer the charges, and to be dealt with as the first section of this act directs. Justices required to issue writ.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the boats or vessels thus condemned, shall be sold by the constable or sheriff at public sale, they giving not less than five days notice of the same; one half of the fine and sales of such boat or vessel to be divided between the constable and informer, and the other half to be paid Boats condemned to be sold.